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Introduction

This directory lists potential grant funding opportunities available to voluntary organisations in Glasgow for climate-related or environmental activities. While we have included all the funding opportunities we're aware of, this is not intended to be a comprehensive directory. If you know of any other potential sources of funding for similar projects in Glasgow, please let us know so we can include them here!

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GCVS Climate Friendly Practice Support Service

Our climate change coordinators can help your organisation to take climate friendly action. We support anyone working in the sector to plan their decarbonization efforts, other environmentally helpful activity, and adaptation strategies. We can help guide you towards a strategy for your group, especially if you are just starting towards carbon neutrality or beginning to set up a climate policy.

Through our mailing list, we also highlight relevant workshops, events, and other opportunities in and around Glasgow. We support the great climate work already going on and work to encourage and empower new initiatives.

Sign up [here](#) and select 'Climate Friendly Practice' to learn more.

GCVS Funding Support Service

GCVS provides a range of fundraising resources, training sessions, and a one-to-one advice service completely free of charge for voluntary groups, charities, or community organisations in Glasgow. You can find more information from our website: <https://www.gcvs.org.uk/support-for-organisations/funding-and-fundraising/>

There is huge competition for grant funding. On average, only one in five applications is successful. Therefore, in order to secure sufficient funding, you might need to apply to several different funders at the same time. Preparation is key. Research the funding priorities of potential funders, check their eligibility criteria and read their guidelines carefully.

However, grant funding is only one way of finding income for your work. **Your fundraising plan should include a range of methods so you're not too dependent on one type.** If you'd like more information, please get in touch – we're happy to help.

Sources of general fundraising guidance and advice

- **Chartered Institute of Fundraising:**
 - CIOF has produced a toolkit to encourage fundraisers to minimise the sector's collective environmental impact. <https://ciof.org.uk/events-and-training/resources/environmental-change>
 - Fundraising Essentials: <https://ciof.org.uk/events-and-training/resources/fundraising-essentials>
 - Trustees and Fundraising – a Practical Handbook. [Link](#)
- **Code of Fundraising Practice:** Practical advice on all fundraising methods <https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/>
- **Environmental Funders Network.** A UK-based network of grant makers for environmental and conservation issues with a library of helpful resources. <https://www.greenfunders.org/scotland/>
- **Funder Commitment on Climate Change.** A list of UK charitable foundations which have committed to address the causes of climate change and support measures to reduce its effects. <https://fundercommitmentclimatechange.org/>
- **GCVS free weekly newsletters.** Subscribe for funding updates in our free newsletter <https://www.gcv.org.uk/newsletters/>
- **Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR):** Fundraising guidance for Charity Trustees <https://www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/fundraising-guidance-for-charity-trustees/>
- **Scottish Community Climate Network.** Provides guidance on sources of funding for climate projects. <https://www.scottishcommunitiescan.org.uk/resources-funding>

Sources of generic grant funding in Glasgow

There are many thousands of charitable trusts, foundations, agencies and grant-makers in Scotland. Many grant-makers support environmental projects and causes as part of their standard, core funding priorities. **To search for funding opportunities, sign up for a free account with SCVO's Funding Scotland service, <https://funding.scot/>**

Some of the main grant-makers that might support environmental projects in Glasgow are listed below:

- **Bank of Scotland Foundation.** <https://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/>
- **Corra Foundation.** <https://www.corra.scot/grants/>
- **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation: Improving our Natural World.** <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/applications/>
- **Foundation Scotland.** <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/>
- **Garfield Weston Foundation.** <https://garfieldweston.org>
- **Glasgow City Council:** Area Partnership Grants. [https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/Community Planning Partnerships/Partnership Budgets](https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/Community_Planning_Partnerships/Partnership_Budgets)



- **Hugh Fraser Foundation.** <https://www.turcanconnell.com/the-hugh-fraser-foundation/>
- **The Merchants House of Glasgow.** <https://www.merchantshouse.org.uk/application-guidance>
- **National Lottery Communities Fund Scotland.** <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes?location=scotland>
 - **National Lottery Communities Fund Climate Action Hub.** [Climate action hub | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](#)
- **National Lottery Heritage Fund.** <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/in-your-area/scotland>
- **The Robertson Trust.** <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/our-funds/>
- **Souter Charitable Trust.** <https://www.soutercharitabletrust.org.uk/>

Focussed grant funding for environmental projects and causes

[Deadlines coming up soon](#)

Scottish Government: Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)

Grants up to £350,000 over three years will become available for registered charities, SCIOs and Community Councils for community-focused activity that will support recovery from the pandemic. Priority will be given to fragile or disadvantaged communities where support is needed most for projects that meet all four of the following areas (1) tackling poverty and inequality, including child poverty, (2) developing and sustaining place-based approaches, (3) community-led regeneration and (4) ensuring a just transition to net zero. **ICF round 2 is expected to open in May** with an application window of only four weeks.

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/empowering-communities-fund/#ICF>

Historic Environment Scotland: Heritage & Place Programme

Grants up to £1.5M are available for local authorities, national park authorities and not-for-profit organisations to develop vibrant and sustainable places through community-based regeneration of the historic environment. **Register for information session on 18 May.**

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/heritage-place-programme/>

Scottish Government: Heat in Buildings 2022

Development support grants up to £50,000 are available for private and publicly led organisations supported by a consortia of partners for large scale projects that will deploy low carbon heat solutions for buildings. Applications will be considered for the development of heat network projects; zero or low emission heat projects; and heat networks and heat projects along the river Clyde. Next deadline is **31 May.**

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/heat-in-buildings-2022-development-funding-invitation/>

[Other funds](#)

Aviva Community Fund

Up to £50,000 match funding is available for registered charities or social enterprises for community climate action projects. This programme has various deadlines throughout the year.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk>



Cycling Scotland: Pedal for Scotland

Grants up to £10,000 are available for community organisations to organise beginner-friendly, local cycling events. Check next deadlines dates. <https://www.cycling.scot/pedal-for-scotland/grant-funding>

DPD Eco Fund

Grants up to £2,000 are available to community groups, educational facilities and start-up companies for local projects that benefit the environment. **Apply any time.** <https://green.dpd.co.uk/>

Faith in Community Scotland: Greener Spaces, Fairer Places

Grants up to £500 are available for all local faith groups or related organisations working primarily in a small, specific geographic community to tackle poverty and climate change. Top up grants are available for mentoring support. **Apply any time.** <https://www.faithincommunity.scot/gsfp>

FCC Communities Foundation: Scottish Action Fund

Grants up to £40,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for projects eligible under the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund, including environmental, recycling and biodiversity activities. Funds are oversubscribed, so check the guidelines carefully. 2022 application deadlines are **8 June** and **7 December**. fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk

Environmental Funders Network: Rapid response Fund

Grants up to £25,000 are available to help environmental organisations to respond quickly to crises or opportunities. **Apply any time.** <https://www.greenfunders.org/efn-rapid-response-fund/>

Greenshoots Foundation Trust

Small grants are available to non-profit organisations for projects that will deliver carbon reductions and economic benefits to minimise environmental impact. Examples include local community energy schemes or more energy efficient buildings. **Apply online any time.** <https://www.greenshootsfund.com/>

Joseph Rowntree Sustainable Futures Fund. The overall focus is on developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm. Register before **28 October 2022**. <https://www.jrct.org.uk/sustainable-future>

Paths for All – Smarter Choices Smarter Places Open Fund

Grants up to £50,000 are available as match funding to public, third and community sector organisations. Eligible projects will support the fund's priorities to cut Scotland's carbon emissions, improve air quality, help reverse the trend towards sedentary lifestyles and tackle health inequalities. **Apply any time.** <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/active-travel/smarter-choices-smarter-places-1/open-fund>

Scottish Government: Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)

Delivered by Local Energy Scotland. Regional development officers provide advice and support. Various financial support options are available, including:

- **enablement grants** up to £25,000 to get your project started, for example to help with feasibility studies, community consultations, legal fees and other preparatory costs
- **development funding** (grants and/or loans) to help get your projects designed and consented, as well as helping to procure (appoint) contractors so it's ready to build



- **capital funding** (grants and/or loans) supports with the costs of materials, construction and professional fees to build your local energy projects

For more information about funding, visit the Local Energy Scotland website. **Apply any time.**

<https://localenergy.scot/funding/cares-funding-available-now/>

Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (The Land Trust)

Grant funding is available to constituted voluntary organisations and charities for environmental projects that take place within ten miles of a landfill site or transfer station. Funding is distributed by Authorised Bodies through a two-stage process. **Apply any time.** For Glasgow information, visit

<http://www.landtrust.org.uk/questions.htm>

Social Investment Scotland: Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund

Small grants up to £20,000 and loans up to £1.5M are available to help social enterprises and third sector organisations to make the transition to carbon net zero. The grants are only available to support circular economy projects. **Submit an expression of interest at any time.**

<https://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/learning-hub/social-enterprise-net-zero-transition-fund/>

TCV (The Conservation Volunteers): The Chestnut Fund

Small grants up to £350 are available to local voluntary groups for volunteer conservation and practical work to encourage bio-diversity and public access to the natural environment. Discuss your application with your local TCV office first. **Apply any time.** <https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/join-community-network/the-chestnut-fund/>

Volunteering Matters: Action Earth Fund

News of funding opportunities for 2022 **coming soon.** <https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/>

The Wolfson Foundation: Sustainability Fund

Grants up to £50,000 are available for previous Wolfson grant holders to undertake basic refurbishment and maintenance works that have a clear emphasis on enhancing the sustainability of buildings, improving energy efficiency and reducing ongoing costs. Next application deadlines **25 October.**

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/sustainability-fund>

Zero Waste Scotland: Circular Economy Investment Fund

Grant funding is available for businesses and organisations in Scotland, including charities and social enterprises, to promote circular economy growth. They are looking for innovative projects that have the ability to deliver carbon savings, leverage investment and create jobs. **Apply any time.**

<https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/circular-economy/investment-fund>